

PRICE \$2½ PER MONTH.

INTIMATIONS

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of this Company
will be CLOSED from the 21st instant until
the 4th proximo, both days included.

A. NEWTON,
Manager.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1880. 1900

Poa, <i>ch.</i> , per plant	1.00 to 1.50
Poa, white, per plant	2.00 to 2.50

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THE FRENCH MAIL.
M. steamer *Pai-ho*, with

The two direct steamers, with the next India mail, left Calcutta on the morning of the 27th December, and may be expected to arrive in the 4th January.

closed the 5th January.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

The authorised List of Mail times in connection with this paper is the one published each day in our Extra, which is also incorporated to a much later hour than that of the above.

MAILS WITH COURSE

For Shanghai—*Per Ningpo*, to-day, the instant, at 3.30 P.M.
For Saigon—*Per Tientsin*, to-day, the instant, at 3.30 P.M.
For Hanoi, Peking, and Haiyang—*Per Nanking*, to-day, the 30th instant, at 5 P.M.
For Manila—*Per Cebuante*, to-morrow the instant, at 3.30 P.M.
For Port Darwin, Campbell Island, Perth, Townsville, Koppal Bay, Sydney, Bourne, &c., *Per Brisbane*, on Tuesday, the proximo, at 11.30 A.M.

His Excellency the Governor is pleased order, under Section XII of the Post Ordinance 1878, that the Late *Post Office Correspondence packets* after certain local destinations, to the Australian Colonies, Shanghai, &c., shall be 10 Cents, instead as hitherto.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACIFIC

The *French Contract Packet* "Océan" will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, 5th January, with Mails to and through United Kingdom and Europe, via New Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, &c. to the Australian Colonies, Penang, Malacca, Calcutta, Aden, Egypt, &c. Mails to Gibraltar.

HOURS FOR CLOSING THE POST OFFICE.

THE FRENCH MAILS.

TUESDAY.
5 P.M. Money Order Office closed. Post Office except the night box, which is open out of the office hours.

WEDNESDAY.
7 A.M., Post Office opens.
10 A.M., Racing Office of Jockeys closes. Post Office.
11 A.M., Mail mules and packmen closes.
11 A.M., Mail closes, except for Late Local Mails.

1-10 A.M., Letters may be posted until 10 o'clock unless otherwise ordered.

11-12 P.M., The Post Office closes at 11 o'clock.

11-40 A.M., Late Letters may be posted in the packet with Late Fees of 18 Cents times duration of departure.

THE ENGLISH MAIL OFFICE OF DEPARTMENTS AND ARRIVAL OFFICE closes.

2 P.M., Registry of Letters ceases. But all printed matter and patterns cease.

3 P.M., Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

3-10 P.M., Letters may be posted in the packet with Late Fees of 18 Cents times duration of departure.

3-30 P.M., when the Post Office closes at 3 o'clock.

3-40 P.M., Late Letters may be posted in the packet with Late Fee of 19 cts. times time of departure.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

'The United States Mail Packet' COGNAC will be despatched on THURSDAY, 6th instant, with Mail to Havre, St. Etienne, Lyons, Bordeaux, Genoa, Leghorn, Naples, which will cross as follows—

2-15 P.M., Registry ceases.

2-30 P.M., Post Office closes, but Letters may be sent in the packet with Late Fees of 10 cents extra times time of departure.

Correspondence from Non-Union, New or Paraguay cannot be sent by this route.

REGULATIONS AS TO SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' LETTERS.

1.—Privates in H.M. Army or Non-commissioned Officers,' Army Soldiers (not Superintending or First Class) are not permitted to send more than one letter per week, via Extradit or via the rate of four pence (twopence) each may be repaid either in Imperial or Royal Stamps.

2.—The same privileges apply to detached soldiers of the Privates and Non-commissioned names above.

3.—All such letters, prepaid at the rate of one penny will be forwarded to the United Kingdom by private steamer by the first opportunity.

4.—Private steamers leave London for London about every two days, amounting to seven weeks on the voyage.

5.—The letters must not exceed half an ounce, handkerchiefs, jewelry, &c. may even weigh up to one pound.

6.—If from a Soldier or Sailor his

description must be stated in full on the
the cover of which must be signed by the
Y. the commanding Officer, with name of regiment
and Co., in full.

7.—If to a Soldier or Sailor, his de-
scription, with name of regiment, shall be
stated in full.

8.—Soldiers and Sailors have no
with regard to books or papers, nor can
D. correspond with Imperial Staffs.

* Post-nat Warrant Officers, the
navig. Gunner, Boatswain, or Carpenter.

Many boxes of letters are received
near Office not sealed, that is to say, they
are fastened with sealing wax, but the
one used is a seal.

The attention of bookholders is re-
quired to carefully sealing each book
with some recognizable seal, and to send
the book or receipt with them. The
live book or receipt without a seal, the
colli- the printer precaution leaves a doubt
of the contents of the box even if
of P. whether part of them might not be
mastrated for the sake of the Postage.

RATES OF POSTAGE.

Letters, per each 1000
Post Cards, each 1000
Books, Patterns, and Commercial
Papers, per 2 oz.
Newspapers & Printe Current, each
Registration
The above rates of postage are strictly
though written by hand, do not bear
of an actual or personal character, such
as salaries, deeds, signed music, &c.
in the summer for Books, but all publica-
tions are subject to the same rates.

The sender of any Registered Air
company it with a Return Receipt
an extra fee of 5 cents.

**LETTERS FOR THE UNITED STATES BY
SHIP.**

When it is desired to forward let-
United States by a sailing ship which
leaving a sailing ship, it is only neces-
sary to place the letters in the ordinary way
with the name of the ship, and postage
per half ounce as usual. The Post Office
undertakes the duty of obtaining the
parture and of forwarding the letters
that the letters be posted
not less than one day before the date fixed

REGULATIONS CONCERNING LOCAL MONEY COIN-
AGE.

1.—The Post Office Office of Hongkong
Money Orders on the Empire of
South Wales, Queensland, South Aus-
tralia, New Zealand, the Straits Settlements,
and Port Moresby.

2.—Money Orders may also be obtained
on British Possessions, Shanghai, and on
other places except Japan.

3.—The exchange of Local Money Order
between Hongkong and Shanghai is
hereofore, subject to the rates laid
down in separate paragraphs.

4.—Commission, to be charged on
Money Orders named above is follow-
ing: For sum not exceeding £50 or \$250.
From £50 to £100, or \$250 to \$500.
5.—No Order must exceed £10
will more than two such Orders be allowed
to pass postage in favour of the money
order.

6.—Sum not exceeding \$50 may
be sent either by Ports of China
between the other ports of a change
over for cash for Japan.